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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNMENT FIREARM IMPORATION

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1. THE IMPORATION, AND TRADING OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION IN MALTA ARE GOVERNED RESPECTIVELY BY THE IMPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS (1969) AND THE ARS ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 106 OF THE LAWS OF MALTA (1931).

2. IMPORTS OF SHOTGUNS (HUNTING GUNS), IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY ARE SINGLE-BARRELLED, DOUBLE-BARRELLED OR AUTOMATIC, AND SHOTGUN AMMUNITION, ARE FREELY LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE. AN IMPORTER IS REQUIRED ONLY TO PRESENT A POLICE CERTIFICATE SHOWING THAT HE IS AN AUTHORIZED FIREARMS DEALER. ANY PERSON OF GOOD CONDUCT AND OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE IS ELIGIBLE FOR A POLICE CERTIFICATE AS AN AUTHORIZED DEALER. AT PRESENT THERE ARE 104 SUCH AUTHORIZED DEALERS IN MALTA.

3. COMMERCIAL IMPORATION OF OTHER TYPES OF FIREARMS INTO MALTA IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. THIS INCLUDES AIRGUNS, RIFLES, PISTOLS, ETC. IMPORTATION OF BALL AMMUNITION, AND CHAINED OR RINGED PELLETS, IS ALSO PROHIBITED. AUTHORIZED IMPORTERS MUST FURNISH THE POLICE WITH DETAILS OF THE IMPORTED GOODS, INCLUDING THE SERIAL

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NUMBER OF EACH SHOTGUN, BEFORE CLEARANCE THROUGH CUSTOMS

CAN BE EFFECTED.

5. INDIVIDUALS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A POLICE PERMIT BEFORE PURCHASING A SHOTGUN FROM AN AUTHORIZED DEALER. ANY PERSON OF GOOD CONDUCT AND OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE IS ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH A PERMIT. AT PRESENT THERE ARE ABOUT 8,500 PERSONS IN MALTA AUTHORIZED TO POSSESS SHOTGUNS. FIREARMS DEALERS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT EACH PURCHASER IS IN POSSESSION OF A VALID POLICE PERMIT. DEALERS ALSO MUST MAINTAIN A DETAILED LIST OF PURCHASERS, AS WELL AS A RECORD OF INVENTORIES ON HAND. THESE RECORDS ARE SUBJECT TO POLICE INSPECTION. SMITH

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